deployment of NSG and gaps in maritime and coastal security arrangements. All these aspects have been reviewed in detail and further measures are underway to strengthening and supplement the existing arrangements in all these spheres, apart from steps for further strengthening the legal framework and other mechanisms for dealing with terrorism.

Decline in export growth

*237. SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether export growth has considerably gone down in recent months following weak demand and slow down in global economy;

(b) if so, the exports during the last six months, month-wise, compared to the corresponding months in the preceding three years; and

(c) the drift in the rupee value *vis-à-vis* dollar during the same period?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) Yes, Sir. The growth in exports has decelerated during the months of September and October, 2008 due to weak demand and slow-down in the global economy.

(b) The exports during the last six months, month-wise, as compared to the corresponding months of the preceding three years are as under:—

Month-wise Exports in US $ billion

Months	2005-06*	2006-07*	2007-08*	2008-09
May	7.98	10.11	12.46	15.58
June	7.89	10.42	12.10	16.79
July	7.49	10.60	12.51	16.88
August	8.57	10.77	12.64	16.00
September	8.46	10.76	12.52	13.75
October	8.62	9.93	14.67	12.82

Source : DGCI and S, Kolkata; Note: *Including late receipt data

(c) The movement of Exchange rate of Rupee *vis-à-vis* US Dollar during the period is given below:—

Exchange rate of Rupee vis-à-vis US Dollar during 2008-09

Months	Rs. per US $
1	2
May	42.1250
June	42.8202

1	2
July	42.8380
August	42.9374
September	45.5635
October	48.6555

Source: RBI

Rupee has depreciated *vis-a-vis* US $ by 13.43 per cent during May-October, 2008.

Naxalite and terrorist violence threat to internal security

†*238. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:
DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that both naxal and terror violence are threats to internal security;

(b) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto; and

(c) between the above two propositions, which one the Government has chosen to tackle first?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) to (c) The Government considers both terrorist violence and naxalite violence to be serious threats to internal security. Measures are being taken to deal with both these threats.

Prior intelligence inputs about terror strikes in Mumbai

*239. DR. (SHRIMATI) NAJMA A. HEPTULLA:
SHRI MAHENDRA MOHAN:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government had prior intelligence inputs about the terror strikes in Mumbai and other places;

(b) if so, whether the advisories were issued to the States in this regard;

(c) whether Government would take any follow up action to see that States take appropriate action to prevent undesired elements from carrying out terrorist attacks; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) to (d) Inputs and information are received from time to time from various sources regarding possible terrorist designs and threats, which are shared with the agencies and

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.